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SUBJECT: TURNHALLE TALKS OF DEADLINE

1. DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE TURNHALLE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE WINDHOEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AUGUST 29, SAID THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY HAD WAITED A LONG TIME FOR AN AGREEMENT ON THEIR FUTURE AND THE WAITING HAD TO END SOMEWHERE. MANY CONCESSIONS HAD BEEN MADE, HE SAID, IN THE HOPE THAT AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND. "WE DO NOT WANT TO BE ISOLATED AND WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ECONOMIC AND OTHER TIES WITH THE WORLD," MUDGE SAID, "BUT WE CANNOT COMMIT SUICIDE. THE PROCESS CANNOT LAST FOREVER. IT CANNOT LAST LONGER THAN THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

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WE WANT TO KNOW BY THEN WHERE WE STAND WITH THE WEST AND THE REST OF THE WORLD."

2. ON AUGUST 30, AMBASSADORS MCHENRY AND BOWDLER TALKED WITH BRAND FOURIE ON NAMIBIAN DEVELOPMENTS. FOURIE WAS AWARE OF THE MUDGE STATEMENT AND REPEATED THAT THE SAG COULD NOT HOLD UP INDEFINITELY ON THE

INDEPENDENCE PROCESS. HE INDICATED THAT DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, JUDGE STEYN WOULD BE GETTING FAMILIAR WITH THE JOB. ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE WOULD DO WOULD BE TO TACKLE DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION. AFTER OCTOBER 1, FOURIE THOUGHT, WORK WOULD BEGIN ON VOTER ROLLS.

3. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM NAMIBIA, A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN TURNHALLE AND SWAPO FACTIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE TERRITORY. STONE-THROWING AND FIGHTING BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF THE TWO GROUPS HAS REPORTEDLY OCCURRED IN THE WINDHOEK TOWNSHIP OF KATUTURA AND IN TSUMEB. ANOTHER CLASH REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE IN HEREROLAND BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TURNHALLE-ALIGNED HERERO NATIONAL UNITED DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION PARTY AND THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA NATIONAL UNION (SWANU).
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